



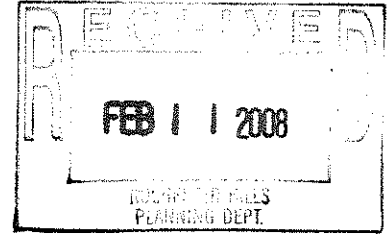
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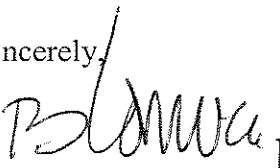


Dear Mr. Delacourt:

Staff members of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have reviewed the preliminary historic district study committee reports for the Stiles School Historic District and the Frank Farm Historic District. A copy of our comments is enclosed. We offer these comments in order to assist communities to prepare final study committee reports that meet the requirements of Michigan's *Local Historic Districts Act* and that provide a strong legal basis for protecting historically significant resources.

The report was presented to the Michigan Historical Commission and the State Historic Preservation Review Board. The State Historic Preservation Review Board did not concur with the SHPO that the Stiles School was ineligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places. They stated that the majority of building's historic material was still in place and that while the windows had been altered, the openings themselves were still in tact. They also felt the massing of the original school building had not been lost when the inappropriate additions were constructed. The historic building can still be discerned and is distinct from the additions. They believed the school building itself would be eligible as long as the report indicates that the additions are non-contributing resources.

We look forward to working with the city of Rochester Hills in the protection of its historic resources. If we can assist you further, please contact Amy Arnold at 517-355-2729 or ArnoldA@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure

**State Historic Preservation Office
Michigan Historical Center**

**Staff Comments, December 19, 2007
Frank Farm Historic District, Rochester Hills**

Excellent report that meets the requirements set forth in Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended.